



Dear Community Member,

Join MVP, Schenectady Silhouettes, and leading local organizations in combating low literacy rates among children in Schenectady. STARS (Schenectady Takes Action for Reading Success) was formed in 2018 by the Schenectady County Public Library. To date, STARS has distributed over 4,200 free books to children through its bookshelves located at Schenectady social service agencies. Easy access to quality literature for youth exposes children to rich vocabulary and trains their brains to be ready to learn to read. STARS is committed to collaborative action that will improve the early literacy landscape in the city of Schenectady. Visit www.scpl.org to learn more.

To boost access to literature, please assist the effort by sponsorship of a STARS shelf. The first STARS shelves, installed in the WIC (Women, Infant and Children) waiting room on Franklin Street and at SiCM's Albany Street food pantry, have free, new, diverse, and developmentally appropriate books for children. Funds are needed to purchase more bookshelves, books to distribute, and supply parent education. Future shelf locations will be Pleasant Valley Elementary School and Schenectady County Child and Family Services offices on Broadway. STARS donations are tracked by the Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library, a 501(c)(3). Donations are tax deductible.

- Brightest Star - Contribution of your choice
 - Bronze Star - \$300 will fill a shelf with a set of 100 books
 - Silver Star - \$1,000 will fill a shelf with 300 books and provide parent education
 - Gold Star - \$5,000 will fill a shelf with books for 4 months and naming option
- Make checks payable to the Friends of SCPL insert STARS on the memo line.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Together we will make a difference in the early literacy landscape for our city's residents. Thank you so much for your consideration.

